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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A  
THERMAL INSULATION BODY

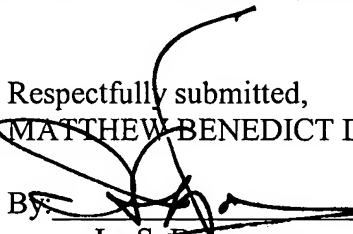
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STATUS INQUIRY

The issue fee on the captioned application was duly paid on **February 6, 2004**, and receipt in the PTO on **February 9, 2004** has been acknowledged. In view of the fact that grant of the patent has now been delayed **for almost one year**, issuance is long overdue.

Curative action is in order, and is earnestly requested.

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